IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE #2 1-22-01 RStokes

In re application of

WILLIAM P. STEARNS ET AL.

Serial No. 09/250,641 (TI-25833.1)

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For: OPTIMIZED CIRCUIT DESIGN LAYOUT FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE BALL GRID ARRAY PACKAGES

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Examiner

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first Office action, please cancel claims 9 to 18, the claims elected in the parent application.

Action and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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